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Integer Lists In A Computer System,
And Computer Software Product
For Implementing Such Methods

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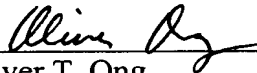
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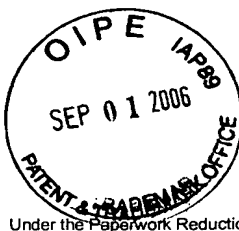
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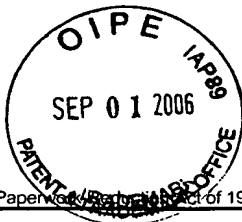
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